



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

FOIA 19-F-0185

May 24, 2019

Sent via email: 56940-03809752@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Komatsoulis:

This is a final response to your enclosed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 19-F-0185 to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). You requested records pertaining to the construction of a shelter in Houston as reported by the New Yorker:

1. Any and all contracts regarding construction of the shelter
2. Any and all MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) or MOAs (Memorandums of Agreement) regarding the construction of the shelter.
3. Any and all construction bids
4. Any and all records relating to payment in lieu of taxes
5. Department policies and procedure regarding shelters and construction of shelters

The Office of Refugee and Resettlement ("ORR") conducted a thorough search of their files and did not locate any responsive information. There is no responsive information because ORR is not involved in the construction of this shelter. Regarding Item 5, you can find ORR's policy guide online at: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/policy>.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You may also contact the HHS/ACF FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

Kenneth Wolfe, FOIA Public Liaison
HHS FOIA Public Liaison
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
ACF, Office of Communications, 4002A
330 C. Street S. W.
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If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve dispute between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies.

Carolyn Komatsoulis
19-F-0185

The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

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You have the right to appeal this determination. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision.

Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to:

Kim Hutchinson, Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 729H
Washington, DC 20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

Celeste Smith
Director, Freedom of Information Office
Office of Communications
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services
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